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Methods of Making and Using the
Same**

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6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:
7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/784,344, filed February 16, 2001 which issued on February 18, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,521,039, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/285,682, filed November 1, 2002, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The

identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. 09/784,344, filed February 16, 2001 which issued on February 18, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,521,039, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 04853.0002.CNUS03.

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